

We claim:

1. A method of conducting an on-line meeting comprising:
  - a. establishing a database of participants and participant access rights to meeting assets;
  - b. identifying participants to individual on-line meeting sites whereby multiple participants at an individual on-line meeting site each have participation access to the on-line meeting;
  - c. invoking the meeting;
  - d. collecting participant inputs from participants; and
  - e. publishing collected participant inputs back to the participants.
2. The method of claim 1 comprising invoking the meeting from an agenda.
- 15 3. The method of claim 1 comprising invoking the meeting from a meeting invitation.
4. The method of claim 1 comprising invoking the meeting ad hoc.
- 20 5. The method of claim 1 comprising invoking participation tools..
6. The method of claim 5 comprising invoking participant input tools.
7. The method of claim 6 comprising invoking a participant voting tool adapted to accept participant votes from an on-line meeting site, where the number of participant votes from an individual on-line meeting site is the number of participants identified to the said individual on-line meeting site.
- 25 8. The method of claim 7 comprising recording votes anonymously.

9. The method of claim 7 comprising recording votes identified to participants.

10. The method of claim 7 comprising publishing votes to participants.

5 11. The method of claim 7 comprising publishing votes in minutes of the on-line meeting.

12. The method of claim 11 comprising publishing the minutes to on-line meeting participants.

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13. The method of claim 6 comprising accepting participant comments from participants.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the participant comments are questions.

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15. The method of claim 13 wherein the participant comments are brainstorming contributions.

16. The method of claim 13 comprising recording participant comments anonymously.

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17. The method of claim 13 comprising recording participant comments identified to participants.

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18. The method of claim 17 comprising publishing participant comments to on-line meeting participants.

19. The method of claim 13 comprising publishing participant comments in minutes of the on-line meeting.

20. The method of claim 19 comprising publishing the minutes to on-line meeting participants.

21. The method of claim 1 comprising opening an object identified to the on-line meeting participants, and granting access to the on-line meeting participants to modify the object.

22. The method of claim 21 comprising accepting and recording participant inputs to the object from participants.

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23. The method of claim 22 comprising publishing participant inputs to the object to on-line meeting participants.

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24. The method of claim 23 comprising publishing participant inputs to the object in minutes of the on-line meeting.

25. The method of claim 24 comprising publishing the minutes to on-line meeting participants.

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26. A computer system adapted for conducting an on-line meeting, and comprising a server including:

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- a. an on-line meeting participant database, said database having fields for identifying participants to individual on-line meeting sites whereby multiple participants at an individual on-line meeting site each have participation access to the on-line meeting; and
- b. a collaboration application for collecting participant inputs from participants enumerated in the on-line meeting participant database and publishing collected participant inputs back to the participants.

27. The computer system of claim 26 further comprising an agenda tool for invoking on-line meeting participation tools from the agenda.

28. The computer system of claim 26 further comprising a participant voting tool  
5 adapted to accept participant votes from an on-line meeting site, where the number of participant votes from an individual on-line meeting site is the number of participants identified to the said individual on-line meeting site.

29. The computer system of claim 26 further comprising a participant comment tool for  
10 accepting comments from participants.

30. The computer system of claim 29 wherein the participant inputs are questions.

31. The computer system of claim 29 wherein the participant inputs are brainstorming  
15 contributions.

32. The computer system of claim 26 further comprising a collaboration tool for opening an object to identified on-line meeting participants, granting access to the on-line meeting participants to modify the object, and receiving and recording participant inputs to the  
20 object from participants.

33. A program product comprising computer readable program code to configure and control a computer system having an on-line participant database and on-line meeting applications, to conduct an on-line meeting, including the steps of:

- 25 a. entering on-line meeting participants in the on-line meeting participant database, said database having fields for identifying participants to individual on-line meeting sites whereby multiple participants at an individual on-line meeting site each have participation access to the on-line meeting; and
- b. collecting participant inputs from participants enumerated in the on-line meeting  
30 participant database and publishing collected participant inputs back to the participants.

34. The program product of claim 33 further comprising an agenda tool for invoking on-line meeting participation tools from the agenda.

5      35. The program product of claim 33 further comprising a participant voting tool adapted to accept participant votes from an on-line meeting site, where the number of participant votes from an individual on-line meeting site is the number of participants identified to the said individual on-line meeting site.

10     36. The program product of claim 33 further comprising a participant comment tool for accepting comments from participants.

37. The program product of claim 36 wherein the participant comments are questions.

15     38. The program product of claim 36 wherein the participant comments are brainstorming contributions.

20     39. The program product of claim 33 further comprising a collaboration tool for opening an object identified to on-line meeting participants, granting access to the on-line meeting participants to modify the object, and receiving and recording participant inputs to the object from participants.